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Office Action Summary

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10/695,315

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Robert B. Davis

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group II, claims 11-15, in the reply filed on March 23, 2006 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 1-10 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on March 23, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11 recites "a drive unit to control the velocity of insertion of said hollow cylinder between said carrier and the cylinder shape" which makes the scope of the invention unclear. The main thrust of the invention as disclosed in the specification is the controlled velocity of removal of the hollow cylinder (5). Applicant should amend this phrase to recite "and a drive unit to control the velocity of removal ~~insertion~~ of said hollow cylinder between the carrier and the cylinder shape."

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

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6. Claims 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a drive unit to control the velocity of removal of a hollow cylinder (5), does not reasonably provide enablement for a drive unit to control the velocity of insertion of a hollow cylinder.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andrepont (3,451,104: figures 1-2 and column 1, line 47 to column 2, line 62).

Andrepont teaches an apparatus for casting a composite material comprising: a carrier (mandrel 18) and a cylinder shape (motor case 10) mounted in the apparatus; a hollow cylinder (baffle 12) adapted to be inserted in between the carrier (18) and the cylinder shape (10), means for inserting two materials (tubes 30 and 32) into two separate compartments as defined by the baffle in-between carrier (18) and cylinder shape (10) and a drive unit (hoist cables 16 attached to lifting eyes 14) for slowly lifting the baffle. The phrase “means for inserting coating material” has been construed broadly and not as a means-plus-function limitation. This stance is supported by the recitations of valves for injecting material as recited in claim 12. It is inherent that a drive means is attached to the hoist cables as well understood by one of ordinary skill in

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the art. The slow removal of the baffle is being used to support a constant velocity drive unit.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 12, 14 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: None of the prior art teach or suggest the combination of claim 11 having valves for injection of material into the spaces between the carrier and the hollow cylinder. The closest prior art (Andrepoint) relates to casting of a solid rocket motor and does not permit substitution of the feeding means with a valve for injecting material. In regards to claim 14, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests the combination of claim 11, wherein the drive unit controls the velocity of removal of the hollow cylinder at a pre-selected non-constant velocity. Andrepoint discloses slow removal and does not teach or suggest using a non-constant velocity drive unit as claimed.

In regards to claim 15, none of the prior art of record teaches or suggests the combination of claim 11, wherein an ultrasonic generator is provided to improve material flow.

Conclusion

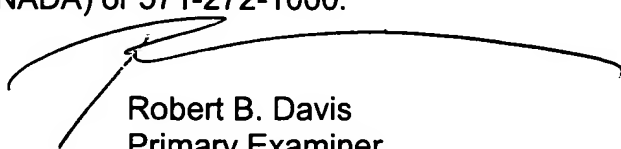
11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The remaining references illustrate the state of the art in coating rollers.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert B. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-1129. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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